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Thank you for letting me comment yesterday on the telephone call. it was an unexpected pleasure to do so since i had commented at two other hearings. one thing that needs to be said and was answered directly by Tracy Carluccio was the susquehanna report on the safety of fracking being done already that found that the practice had no appreciable effect. As Tracy said, the report only examined a small part of what it could have done to have a complete picture, and was only a short term study. a better way of thinking about this is to look at the overwhelming data that has come out from northern and western pennsylvania, or better yet, Ohio where there are years of problems that are just accumulating and indeed are getting worse. from methane escaping from wells, to failed pipelines, to sewage treatment plants being overwhelmed and discharging untreated or barely treated water into the natural environment, to contaminated private wells, to feeder streams nearby already showing major signs of collapse, to sinkholes, earthquakes and other seismic events.....how does one define unsafe if not using this material? this is like doctor shopping: where a patient goes from one doctor to another in order to find the one that will tell him or her what they want to hear. inane and dangerous indeed. fracking by its very nature is not neutral. one cannot drill into areas below the ground and shatter it and inject fluids laced with chemicals and particulate material and not expect there to be some response somewhere, if not everywhere. it is a misconception to think that the earth is an object without rules of its own. it is not an object that is all embracing or all forgiving. the rules of limits in nature are rules indeed and apply to the geology and hydrology of the planet. to think otherwise is insane, deluded and so foolish i dont know the right word for the extent of its foolishness. of course, if one factors in profits and shareholder dividends and the power that comes from obscene profits, then it makes perfect sense and is no longer foolish. please do your job. you are not here to make shareholders and bloated CEO's and their minions happy...you are here to protect this River and the area, people, creatures, plants and trees and communities on it and around it. i hope you are going to do the right thing and say NO TO THIS INSANITY, NOW! Thanks again.